

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 55 are pending in the application. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1 – 55 were subjected to a restriction requirement. By this Response to Restriction Requirement, an election without traverse is made, and claims 51 – 55 are cancelled.

Restriction Requirement Summary

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1 – 55 to a single invention under 35 U.S.C. 121. Claims 1 – 55 were subjected to a Restriction Requirement as follows:

Group I: claims 1 – 50 are asserted to be drawn to a system for the inspection of a precious stone, comprising an energy transfer system for changing the temperature of said stone, classified in class 356, subclass 30.

Group II: claims 51 – 55 are asserted to be drawn to a computerized optical system for the analysis of precious stones, comprising a stone mapping module inputting information to an output shape allocator, classified in class 382, subclass 141.

Response

By this Response and Amendment, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 – 50, without traverse. Further, applicants cancel claims 51 – 55 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examine claims 1 – 50 pending in this application.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue to conduct a substantive examination of the application. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this matter, the Examiner is welcomed to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number and address.

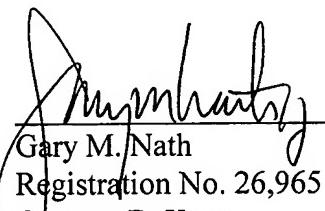
In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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